

**The next Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be on
October 7, 2004 in Conference Room B
at the
Powers Administration Building,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI**

555th Meeting 1:00 p.m. October 7, 2004

- 1. Call to order.**
- 2. Appeals**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.**
- 4. Correspondence.**
- 5. Committee Reports**
 - a. Certification Subcommittee**
- 6. Legislation**
- 7. Old Business.**
- 8. New Business.**

9. Adjourn

New Appeals: None

554th Meeting September 16, 2004

- 1. Mr. Carlson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.**
- 2. There were no appeals heard at this meeting.**
- 3. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook and seconded by Mr. Turner. The Minutes were unanimously approved.**
- 4. Correspondence:**

- a. Driftwood Apartments Update**

Mr. DeDentro received a letter regarding Driftwood Apartments from Mr. Santilli, Building Official from the Town of Narragansett, and he read it to the Board. Mr. Santilli reported the following:

- 1. Mold remediation was completed within unit 32.**
- 2. The owner is currently under negotiations with RI Housing seeking approval to demolish the entire complex.**
- 3. The Town is pursuing legal action against the owner within municipal court for failure to initiate the mandated structural repairs.**
- 4. The Building Officials Office can no longer allow delays, time for planning has elapsed and the repairs must commence.**

The Committee directed Mr. DeDentro to write Mr. Santilli a letter asking if he would like support from this Committee on the above

issue. All concurred.

b. Letter to Public Utilities Commission

Mr. DeDentro said he has sent a letter to Mr. Lanni at the PUC saying that our Committee reviewed their reports on LNG and we are not satisfied with its findings. Mr. Wahlberg said that Rep. Jack Reed has introduced legislation that LNG tanks, particularly in Fall River and Providence, be turned over for more input from the locals. Mr. Wahlberg reiterated that the Army Core of Engineers has the monetary backing to do an evaluation.

c. Complaint on Barn Construction in Burrillville

Mr. DeDentro said 90 days ago we received a complaint regarding a barn construction in Burrillville. DeDentro told Mr. Raymond, the building official, to keep us informed of this situation. Mr. Raymond responded saying that the owner of the barn has hired Mr. Loqa, PE, to repair the existing structure and the two parties will resolve the issues.

d. Redi-Footing – New Material Report

Mr. DeDentro said that an editorial change has been made to Approval Report No 03-217. Item No. 1 under Limitations was changed from R-4 Use Group to One and Two Family Dwelling.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Certification Subcommittee

Mr. Preiss said the Certification Subcommittee met and interviewed four people. Mr. Preiss motioned to approve the following:

Mr. Synnott, - Certified Eligible Building Official – He has applied for a position in Newport but has not yet received an appointment letter.

Mr. DeFusco – Certified Eligible Building Official – State of Rhode Island, Contractors' Registration Board investigator.

Mr. Anderson –Building Official – Town of Tiverton

Mr. Parillo – Building Inspector - Cranston

Mr. Newbrook seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the appointments.

Mr. Preiss said a Mr. Hambardzymyan also applied for Certified Eligible Building Official but he was rejected by the Subcommittee because he did not meet the minimum qualifications. Mr. Hambardzymyan was present and expressed his disappointment and felt that he had the proper credentials. Mr. Carlson suggested that he

pursue licensure with the Board of Professional Engineers or work for a construction company to meet the required requirements. Mr. Preiss motioned to dis-approve his application and Mr. Durand seconded his motion. The Board unanimously agreed.

b. Rehab Committee

Mr. Wahlberg said the Rehab Code Committee met and continued to discuss resolutions to solving diversities of the code. He suggested perhaps having a road map to direct those seeking information to the correct source. There was discussion on ways to resolve the diversities. Mr. Carlson said two Connecticut officials would be at the next Rehab Code Committee meeting to discuss actions they have taken to resolve the diversities in the codes in their state. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. The meeting will be on September 22, 2004 in Conference Room A. Mr. Turner requested a copy of the handout, as he would not be able to attend.

c. Mechanical Code Subcommittee

Mr. Turner said the International Mechanical Subcommittee met to review Flame Bar product. He said the committee does not have a recommendation for action but he said Mr. Cowen, staff person at the Building Commission, would draft a new product approval report to present to the full committee for approval.

6. Legislation:

a. Mr. DeDentro said changes to Article 1 will be required after the Rehab Board has completed their recommendations on coordinating the two codes.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

a. ADA

Mr. Carlson said that ANSI has released their new 2004 edition. Mr. DeDentro said the IBC 2003 will be presented to the Department of Justice and will be discussed at the Salt Lake City Conference next week. He said it may be as simple as deleting the 1998 edition reference, adopting the 2004 edition and submit it to the federal government for designation as “safe haven” status.

a. Variances with a Time Limit

Mr. Carlson said that in the past the Committee has given some variances time limits to comply. He said that the state and this Board need to follow up with these variances, they should be either extended or the Committee should take action.

9. Adjourn:

Upon a motion by Mr. Wahlberg, seconded by Mr. Gaskell. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Daniel R. DeDentro
Executive Secretary**

Building Code Standards Committee

Members Present: J. Carlson, S. Turner, A. Durand, J. Gaskell, W. Howe, D. Newbrook, G. Preiss, R. Wahlberg, M. Stoeckel.

Staff Members Present: D. DeDentro, E. Gordon, T. Coffey

Members Absent: R. Brown, B. Davey, R. Collins, G. T. Chabot, R. DeBlois, R. Stillings, D. Gagnon, P. DePace, L. Gemma, F. Montanaro, M. Lowenstein, D. Palmisciano, J. Maloney, J. Pagliaro.

Staff Members Absent: None

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